



## HELP WANTED – NO INTERVIEW REQUIRED!

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Luke 10:2, Hebrews 10:14-17, Romans 12:6-8, Matthew 18:14, Jude 22-23

If you have ever been interviewed for a job, I would be curious to know how you enjoyed it. Or didn't.

When I was younger, I never dreaded the interview process. I even welcomed it. If I interviewed for a position with a company, I was certain before I even left that I was going to be offered the job; my knowledge was that good and my experience was that solid. Sometimes I was offered the job before I even left the interview.

Then, life happened and filled my resume with bullet holes. Now when I am asked to fill out an application, in the spaces marked "Please explain any gaps in employment" and "Why did you leave?" I want to write, "How long have you got?"

Sometimes life hasn't coincided with what God had planned for me to do, and applications and resumes and interviews have forced me to try and explain why. "Well, I left that job because the owner pretended to be a client so she could get private information from another company. It wasn't her first act like that, and I feared it wouldn't be her last." Then there is this one. "You see, I was fired from that job because I told them I didn't want to cook their books for them. When I wrote a letter voicing my concerns, they—and their lawyer—called it a 'Resignation.'" Here's another good one. "Well, I was getting bullied at that job, and no one would step in to stop it. In fact, another coworker joined forces with the bully and I figured I'd better leave before my chest pains turned into a heart attack."

True stories. All of them.

Now—should life require that I need one—I would just want to cut to the chase and make this my short-and-sweet cover letter. "Dear Potential Employer; Please accept me. Please give me a chance. Please look past my mistakes—and the mistakes of others that I couldn't control—and trust that I can do what you ask of me. Sincerely, I'm Not Begging. Really."

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It has made me wish that someone would just come along and say, “Hey, I want you to work for me. I don’t need an interview. I know you. I know your work ethic and your moral standard, and I know you are the kind of worker I want on my payroll. Don’t worry about what you don’t know yet; I know I can teach you because you love what my company does and you are willing to learn.” And then without a single awkward moment, they stamp HIRED on my resume and ask, “When can you start?”

If only.

Do you know how grateful I am that no interview is required for me to be able to work for God?

Let me tell you, my “life” resume has more bullet holes in it than my work resume! I gave up a long time ago trying to keep track of all my mistakes, but that doesn’t mean I don’t remember that I have made them. In fact, I remember all too well. I remember so well that I still find myself saying to God, “Please accept me. Please give me a chance. Please look past my mistakes—and the mistakes of others that I couldn’t control—and trust that I can do what You ask of me.”

But then I see God--and I see myself--according to His Word.

- I see that God has forgiven my mistakes and wiped them away. “. . .because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ‘This is the covenant I will make with them after that time,’ says the Lord. ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’ Then he adds: ‘Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more’” (Hebrews 10:14-17).
- I see that God has given me abilities and gifts, and I see how I can use them. “We have different gifts, according to the grace given us...If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully” (Romans 12:6a-8).

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- I see that there are others, just like me, and God doesn't want a single person not told. *"In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost" (Matthew 18:14). "... 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'" (Luke 10:2). "Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them..." (Jude 22-23b).*

So many folks need to know that anyone who has trusted in His Son for the rewriting of their resume has been invited to join God in His work, and without so much as a single "Why did you do that?" question about any of the mistakes they have made.

God is just waiting to say, "Hey, I want you to work for Me. I know you, because you have trusted in My Son, Jesus. I know you can have His work ethic and His moral standard, and I know you are the kind of worker I want. Don't worry about what you don't know yet; I know I can teach you because you love what I do and you are willing to learn." And without a single awkward moment or uncomfortable question, He stamps JESUS across your life—past, present, and future—and asks, "When can you start?"

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